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REMARKS

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-20, *i.e.*, all of the pending claims, were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,414,215 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,342,338 and over Claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,680,422 in view of the same U.S. Patent No. 5,342,338. A Terminal Disclaimer to overcome these double patenting rejections accompanies this Reply. Accordingly, allowance of the pending claims is hereby respectfully requested.

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